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Also enclosed is a copy of an International Search Report bearing a mailing date of May 10, 2005 from a corresponding international patent application, and the U.S. PTO is directed thereto for a concise statement of possible relevance of the references cited therein.

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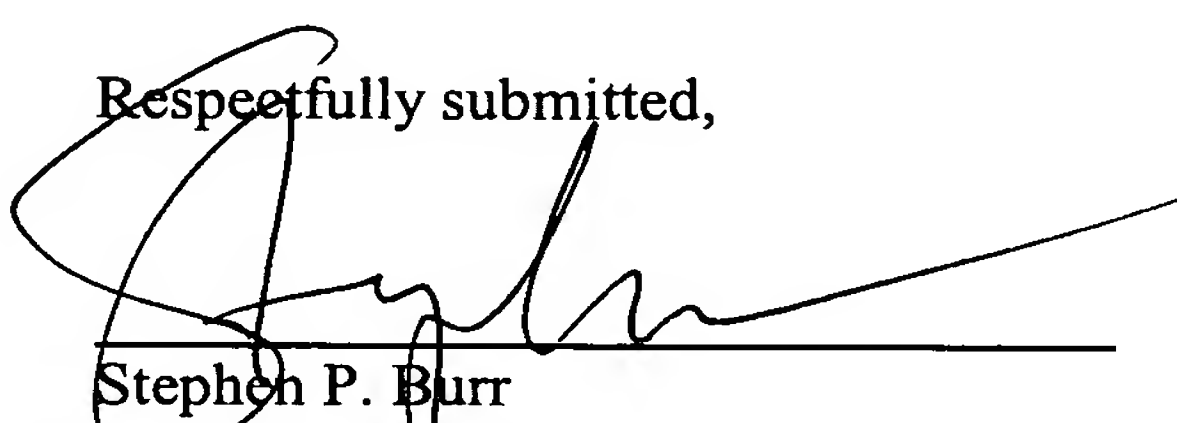
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1. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 61-200991 A1 (Ref. AD) corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 4,740,517 (Ref. AA); and
2. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 63-057588 A1 (Ref. AE) corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 4,861,792 (Ref. AB).

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